

# Fiscal Note

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**HF 580** – Home School Assistance Program Enrollment (LSB 2362HV.H1455.1)  
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## **Description**

**House File 580** modifies the age requirement for children receiving competent private instruction to qualify for the home school assistance program (HSAP) and dual enrollment to include children that are of school age rather than compulsory attendance age. Amendment **H-1455** makes the sections changing compulsory age to school age retroactive to July 1, 2009.

## **Background**

Compulsory age is defined by Section 299.1A as a child between the ages of 6 and 16. School age is defined by Section 282.1 as a child between the ages of 5 and 21. Students that receive competent private instruction through the HSAP are included in a school district's budget enrollment and receive a weighting of 0.3. Students that receive competent private instruction under dual enrollment are included in a school district's budget enrollment and receive a weighting of 0.1. Dual enrollment students that are above compulsory age may receive weighting under current law. Funding generated from these weightings is to be used to fund the costs to school districts associated with providing services to these students.

Based on an analysis of the Department of Education's Project EASIER certified enrollment data collection from October 2009 and October 2010 the following information was obtained:

- October 2009 certified enrollment counts included HSAP and dual enrollment weighting outside of the compulsory attendance age definition totaling 224.8. This generated school aid funding totaling \$1.3 million (\$1.1 million in State aid and \$0.2 million in local property tax).
- October 2010 certified enrollment counts included HSAP and dual enrollment weighting outside of the compulsory attendance age definition totaling 189.8. This will generate school aid funding totaling \$1.1 million (\$1.0 million in State aid and \$0.1 million in local property tax). Although funding for FY 2012 has not occurred, budget enrollments have been certified and cannot be adjusted for FY 2012.

Under current law, the students outside the compulsory attendance age should not have been included in the budget enrollment count. Although the funding generated for these students has been included in school districts budgets for FY 2011 and FY 2012, the LSA anticipates that without enactment of **HF 580**, an enrollment audit adjustment will be made to correct FY 2011 and FY 2012 school aid funding in FY 2013.

## **Assumptions**

- Assumes a 0.0% allowable growth rate for FY 2012 and FY 2013.
- Assumes an enrollment audit adjustment will be made to correct enrollment data for FY 2011 and FY 2012 certified enrollment counts under current law. The enrollment audit adjustment will be made in FY 2013.
- Assumes no growth in the amount of HSAP and dual enrollment weighting at each age level for the October 2011 certified enrollment count.

- Assumes all dual enrollment students above compulsory age are eligible to receive weighting.

### **Fiscal Impact**

Enactment of [HF 580](#) as amended by [H-1455](#) will result in an increase in total school aid of \$3.6 million in FY 2013. This includes \$3.1 million in State aid (General Fund cost) and \$0.5 million in total local property tax. The following table provides additional detail of the fiscal impact.

<b>Impact of HF 580: Changing from Compulsory Age to School Age</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>State Aid</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>
<b>FY 2013 Impact</b>	<b>189.8</b>	<b>\$ 1,120,711</b>	<b>\$ 977,085</b>	<b>\$ 143,626</b>
<b>Impact of H-1455: Retroactive Provision Eliminating the Need for the Enrollment Audit Adjustment</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>State Aid</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>
FY 2011	224.8	\$ 1,326,983	\$ 1,157,269	\$ 169,714
FY 2012	189.8	\$ 1,120,711	\$ 977,085	\$ 143,626
<b>FY 2013 Impact</b>	<b>414.6</b>	<b>\$ 2,447,694</b>	<b>\$ 2,134,354</b>	<b>\$ 313,340</b>
<b>Total Fiscal Impact of HF 580 as Amended by H-1455</b>				
	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>State Aid</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>
<b>Total Impact in FY 2013</b>	<b>604.4</b>	<b>\$ 3,568,405</b>	<b>\$ 3,111,439</b>	<b>\$ 456,966</b>

### **Sources**

Iowa Department of Education, Project EASIER Enrollment and Certified Enrollment files  
Iowa Department of Management, School Aid file  
LSA calculations and analysis

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